RNA FOR A BETTER LIFE IN THE HEIGHTS

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

JUNE, 1990

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THE WAR ON DRUGS

On Saturday, May 12th, George Waddleton, 19 year old son of Councilman Dan Waddleton of Ward D, was arrested on drug charges for possession of heroin, possession with intent to distribute and possession within 1,000 feet of a school. This was one of four drug busts that occurred on that weekend in the vicinity of Palisade Avenue and Franklin Street. This was Waddleton's second drug arrest in one year. The buildings where this drug problem emanates from are 350 and 352 Palisade Avenue. The local residents and business people, with RNA, have alerted the City officials about this serious problem for the last year. Meetings with police, building inspectors, and even the Mayor, have finally produced some results. The walking policemen and increased car and scooter patrols in the vicinity of Franklin and Palisade have sent the signal to these undesirables that the community refuses to accept this criminal behavior anymore.

First RNA wants to thank all the people responsible for this "cleanup campaign" to rid our neighborhood of these drug dealers. BUT, let no one be fooled - this is the "tip of the iceberg". There are still illegal activities going on at those two buildings: 350 and 352 Palisade Avenue. The police have the names of the owners of these two buildings and should act swiftly to make them responsible for the problems in their buildings.

Councilman Waddleton made a statement the following week concerning his son "as a victim" and his personal committment "to rededicate himself to fighting drugs in the City". Well, Councilman, words are just the beginning -we want to see action and results. We the local residents would appeciate you coming to one of our meetings and talking to us and helping us in this problem. We need your abilities as a elected official to do something about this drug problem that has made all of us , the real victims.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ted Conrad celebrated his 80th birthday last month. RNA extends its warmest wishes for a happy and healthy year to this gentleman. His longtime activism in City, County and State affairs make him a valuable resource not only to our own neighborhood but to the entire City as well. His many campaigns for the preservation of historic sites and buildings and his endless battle to maintain our parks and open spaces, have made him a local legend and "someone to be reckoned with". His honorary status as RNA's Historical Advisor has allowed us to utilize his wisdom, experience and perspective in many of our more important undertakings. We thank him for all his work to improve the quality of life for all of us. We wish him many more years of health and happiness.

GOING ON VACATION, OR SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

The RNA newsletter staff is going on vacation for the summer. We want to thank all the people who contributed to the effort and made our newsletter the success that it is. We are constantly receiving compliments from everyone and our mailing list now numbers over 475 people. RNA realizes the importance of the newsletter whose function it is to disseminate information throughout the community. We welcome all people and all opinions to be included in the newsletter. RNA will resume its publication in September.

RNA will still hold its monthly meetings every second Tuesday at the Harbor View Health Care Facility at 7:30 PM. Our committees, such as the Planning and Development, Environmental, and Parks, will still be active throughout the summer. If there are any questions or problems, please come to our meetings or contact us (Vito : 798-0493, Hank: 963-8176, or Maria: 659-2245).

COMING EVENTS

1) **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP :** (PG.3)
SATURDAY, JUNE 2 & SUNDAY, JUNE 3

2) **SIXTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET:** (PG. 2)
SATURDAY, JUNE 9 : 9 AM TO 5 PM

3) **RNA MEETING:**
TUESDAY, JUNE 12 : 7:30 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

4) **SUMMER RNA MEETING DATES:**
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 7:30 PM

THE RNA SIXTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

Those hazy, lazy days of summer will soon be upon us and there's no better way to spend them then with your friends at RNA. Our Sixth Annual Flea Market will be held this June 9th, a Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. So we don't want any excuses why you can't stop by and share some good ole times with us.

It's a time for all neighbors and friends to spend a couple of hours together and have a lovely day. As we did last year, we shall have plenty of tables and vendors displaying goods to be sold. Our RNA table will once again be set up with donated articles you may want to browse through. If you wish to donate lamps, dishes, clothes or whatever else you have laying around your basements and attics, you may as long as they're in good condition. These items will be sold and the proceeds shall go into our treasury. Should you want to donate any items, bring them to the Flea Market early in the day. "Used but not abused items only!"

"Space only" is available at $10 for non-members and table rentals are $7 for RNA members (see attached application).

Aside from the many vendors, we will also have baked goods, hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, coffee and sodas for sale. Your donation of homemade cookies and cakes will help make this a financial success. We haven't forgotten that some of you are on special diets, so we have a little bit for everybody. Our main concern is that all of you have a pleasant time with us. Fingerprinting of our children will again be free of charge, so please take advantage of this service. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle drawing.

We had such a good time last year meeting our neighbors that we would like all those who came last summer to bring along some friends. Neighborhoods are made richer by people in them who care: show us you're one of those neighbors, come down to Riverview Park on June 9th, we look forward to seeing you there!

GERT BOGDAN

(RAIN DATE for the flea market will be the following Saturday, June 16th.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The FLEA MARKET is a big operation and we really need YOUR help. If you can do any of the following, please call Kathy Brennan at 963-0402.

Clean up Park (morning of Flea Market)
Pick up tables for transfer to park
Set up tables
Price items for RNA tables
Price baked goods
Work at RNA table
Work at baked goods table
Work at Hot Dog Stand
Advertising : Vendors, Posters etc.
Break down tables
Return tables.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SIXTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH
9: 00 AM TO 5:00 PM
RIVERVIEW PARK

Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

Phone No.:_____

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL 659-6575

PRICES:
1) RNA MEMBERS - $7.00 : TABLE RENTAL
(The supply of tables is limited and will be rented on a first come basis; after that there will be only spaces available at the same price.)

2) NON-MEMBERS - $10.00: SPACE ONLY
(ALL MONEY IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 6, 1990)

By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea Market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Signature :_____

Make checks payable to RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
Send Money to GERT BOGDAN 279 PALISADE AVENUE, JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07307
ATTENTION: FLEA MARKET

FLEA MARKET SURPRISE GUESTS

This year RNA will be host to two special guests at our Annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 9th in Riverview Park.

The first guest will be Jersey City's number one citizen in the campaign to educate and encourage all citizens to RECYCLE: he is "ROLL-OFF", THE RECYCLING SPOKESDOG. He will be in the Park to talk to young and old about the necessity of recycling and will pass out buttons and recycling literature.

RNA is also very proud to announce the appearance of local magician Tony Scarpa, who will mystify and entertain us with demonstrations of magic and wonder throughout the day.

EXTRA! EXTRA! FOURTH DUMPSTER ADDED TO RNA SPRING CLEANUP

This year the Incinerator Authority has given RNA a fourth dumpster for its annual cleanup. The additional location for this dumpster will be at Franklin Street, between Palisade and Ogden Avenues.

REMEMBER, this is it: the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd for the annual NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP. This is the time when everybody should clean out their basements, garages, yards, and closets and throw out all that junk that they've been saving for no apparent reason. It's part of RNA's neighborhood project to clean up our community by cleaning our homes and apartments and making our blocks a cleaner and more attractive place to live and visit. The Incinerator Authority will be placing dumpsters at four locations in our neighborhood for this one weekend.

THE DATES: SATURDAY, JUNE 2RD
SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD

LOCATIONS OF DUMPSTERS:
A) CUNEO PLACE
B) FERRY STREET
C) FRANKLIN STREET (*new location)
D) GRIFFITH STREET
(ALL DUMPSTERS WILL BE LOCATED ON THESE STREETS BETWEEN PALISADE AND OGDEN AVENUES.)

MANY THANKS TO JCIA AND CLEAN COMMUNITIES!

MEETING MINUTES

Not every RNA meeting has a special guest speaker, but that doesn't mean they are not interesting.

The May meeting began with a representative of the Harbor View Health Care Center, Ms. Francise Erlich, Director of Nursing, addressing our group. She came to offer RNA members a chance to participate in a series of health programs that the Center is beginning to organize (more information on these courses in the following article).

Another surprise guest was Ms. Janet Monson, a candidate for the office of County Freeholder in our district for the democratic primary on June 5th. Ms Munson spoke briefly about her background as a special education teacher and her long time involvement in neighborhood and community affairs.While RNA does not endorse any specific candidate for public office, we give all candidates the opportunity to address our members so that they in turn can make an informed decision in the voting booth.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with plans for our flea market. There is still time for you to volunteer some baked goods, saleable items or some time to help out during the day.

There was a few updates on the Teen Nation disco, neighborhood crime, garbage problems and graffitti. Our members voted to make a donation to the local Red Cross, for their work during our two recent fires on Palisade and Ogden Avenues.

After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments with each other's company. Our monthly 50/50 drawing was won by our chairperson, Vito Brunetti, who generously donated his winnings to the RNA treasury.

Please join us at the Flea Market on Saturday, June 9th and then at our next meeting on Tuesday, June 12th, at 7:30 PM. Come and be a part of what makes our neighborhood worthwhile.

HEALTH CARE CLASSES

HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER and it's staff are presenting free of charge to anyone who has an interest, or needs information and instructions on the following topic: "CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AT HOME".

The series (which began on May 23rd) will meet next on Wednesday, June 27th, at 6:30 pm and will contain lectures, film, demonstrations and opportunities for hands on practice.

The program will be held at the Harbor View Health Care Center, 178-198 Ogden Avenue, in the Skyline Room.

Refreshments will be served.

Any one interested in attending these sessions may register by calling, the Educational Department at: 963-1800.

MANY THANKS TO THE RED CROSS

(At our May meeting, RNA voted to give a financial donation to the local chapter of the Red Cross.)

Red Cross of Hudson County
Jersey City, N.J. 07305

Att.: Joseph Lecowitch, Director

Riverview Neighborhood Association is writing to thank you for all the assistance that your organization has provided our community during the recent fires on

Palisade and Ogden Avenues. The first fire on March 26th, destroyed the buildings at 302, 304 and 306 Palisade Avenue. On April 18th, there was another fire at 124 Ogden Avenue, which also destroyed that building. Your help and assistance to the buidings' occupants and also to the displaced people in the surrounding buildings was heroic. (Our organization first encountered your work during a previous fire at 253-255 Ogden Avenue, about three years ago.)

At a recent meeting, RNA voted to send the local Red Cross a donation from our group to thank you for your tireless efforts and to help support your work in the future. This check for $200.00 is a token of our gratitude for your work. Thank you for your help.

CONDOLENCES

Riverview Neighborhood Association wishes to express its condolences to our member Michael Moloughney and his family on the death of their father Mr. Thomas Moloughney.

RNA also extends its condolences to Terri Klemis on the passing of Carmen Cutillo.

Our sincere sympathy to both families at this time of sorrow in their lives.

TEEN NATION

(On April 30th, the Heights Coalition of Neighborhood and Block Associations sent the following letter to the City officials listed below. On Wednesday, May 9th, Susan Kornatick, the Coalition's acting secretary, read this letter into the record at the City Council meeting. At that meeting, the Council unanimously voted to petition the Board of Adjustment to hold public hearings on the zoning questions concerning this proposed business. On May 22nd, the City refused to issue a certificate of occupancy and a dance hall permit for this disco, which it was oblitigated to decide on because of a consent agreement between the City and Teen Nation. As we go to press, the residents are preparing to go before the Board of Adjustment to express their views with a local lawyer, Robert Duval. The original date of May 24th for this hearing was postponed.)

To the Officials of Jersey City:
Mayor Gerald McCann
HED Director Mark Munley
Zoning Officer Anthony Lambiase
Housing Director Micheal Regan
Police Director McCarthy
Police Captain Galvin
Councilman Jos. Rakowski
Council President Marilyn Roman
City Clerk
Edward Quirk, ABC
Louis Cacarro, Board of Adjustment

On April 30th, the Coalition had a meeting about the issue of the proposed opening of the dance hall/disco, known as "Teen Nation", to be located on Hoboken Avenue, in the old Wilson carpet warehouse. After a long discussion, we took a vote among our member groups.

The Coalition would like to go on record to state first of all, that we are not against young people or their recreational activities. We individually and collectively have worked and supported youth activities in Jersey City. We are aware of the lack of adequate facilities for our young people to go to and attend. We also realize that by providing good alternatives, we hopefully will deter our young from hanging out on the proverbial corner, drinking and doing drugs and possibly committing crimes.

Unfortunately, the Coalition does not think this business is the right kind of healthy, safe recreation for our young people. From the examples of other municipalities, this kind of business is nothing but trouble. The potential problems of drugs and drinking off premises (even though the owners have stated there will be no drinking inside), the clash and fighting of rival groups, or gangs, of young adults, the large numbers of kids roaming in the surrounding neighborhoods after the hall closes and the ability of the police in the North District to control these problems are some of the fears of the residents in the local area.

Having stated that, we would let it be known that we are opposed to the proposed business from opening without the necessary public hearings. We have spoken to the zoning officer, Anthony Lambiase who was responsible for the ruling that this proposed business would conform to the permited use of the existing zoning laws. We disagree emphatically with this decision because of the following reasons:

1) Is this dance hall a true permited usage in the strictest definition of the 1974 Zoning Ordinance of Jersey City?

2) Can this dance hall be considered recreation?

This proposed dance hall is slated to be open Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 7:30 pm to 12:30 am for young adults from ages 16 to 20. We all must realize that the previous occupant, Wilson's Carpet, did not sell carpets till 12:30 AM and the music and dancing were not part of the carpet business; therefore we feel this is not a continued usage of the property. We understand the law to read that if there is any disagreement with the decisions of the zoning officer, an appeal can be made to the City Council . We are now formally asking that the City Council pass a resolution to have public hearings and bring this issue before the Board of Adjustment.

We are also aware that a dance hall license must be granted by the ABC before this business can open. It is our understanding that this license aplication must be approved of by several city agencies and that a thorough background check of all people involved in this project must be initiated. We again formally ask that the City Council start this procedure to ensure the safety and welfare of all the residents of the area.

COMMUNITY UPDATES:

1) HEIGHTS COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK ASSOCIATION: On May 21st, the Coalition met with Council-at-large, Efrain Rosario. Among the topics discussed were the proposed Teen Nation disco, the City's plans for the reservoirs (specifically the proposal to build a combined police and fire facility), the problem of garbage and debris in the streets and the lack of adequate cleanup by the City and the lack of cleanup in the local parks. Mr. Rosario was receptive and informed and pledged to work with our group in these and future matters. Other business of the evening was to send a letter to Mark Munley of HED to ask for a meeting to discuss this police and fire facility proposed for the reservoirs. The Coalition also decided to meet during the summer months of June, July and August.

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2) TRANSPORTATION: On April 16th, eight citizen representatives that serve on the N J Transit's Hudson River Transportation Alternative Analysis Advisory Committee (AAAC) met with chairman Marty Robins and his staff. The discussion centered on some serious concerns about how this study project was progressing and how important was the input of these citizen representatives.
At the meeting, the citizens were promised to be given ample notification for all future meetings, specifically the Technical Advisory Subcommittee sessions and as much printed material as possible will be sent prior to AAAC meetings to allow for study so that better input may be achieved at meetings. Mr Robins also stated that all short term bus ways and routes will be made known to AAAC and the general public (at least 4 bus routes have been created without public hearings or notification) so that there will be time for public input.

An air quality white paper was distributed prior to the May 16 meeting of entire AAAC. It provided a description of potential air quality impacts from various transit projects and a discussion of methods proposed for assessing air quality impacts of transit alternatives.This report described the differences between monitoring versus modeling techniques (An urgent need for monitoring at waterfront sites has been argued by citizen members of the AAAC Air Quality Sub Committee; NJ Transit had not been receptive to the idea This has been a major bone of contention between NJ Transit and the citizen group representatives on the AAAC.) Oddly enough, this paper - though pushing for modeling - proved the inadequacy of that method. The paper was not discussed at the meeting since the NJ Transit Board of Trustees - the day before- had directed the staff to meet with Susan O'Kane, of the Pollution Crisis Coalition, and the consultants from the Natural Resources Defense Fund to determine sitings of air quality monitors.

Another exciting piece of research was discussed at this May 16th meeting. It explained a paper which revises waterfront development forecasts for 1995 and 2005. It compared regional economic forecasts (growth has slowed considerably and it is not expected to pick up dramatically during the next 5 years) and the plans put forward by developers (34.1 million sq. ft. office space and 38,900 residential units). The conclusion: "The market can absorb only about one-half of that development by 2005." Other conclusions of this research:

a)Growth will be much slower than predicted several years ago when full buildout was anticipated by 2000-2005.

b)Only with "significant infra structure and strong, long-term market conditions will total developer buildout be realized but not before 2010 - 2020".

c)Most significant (80%) development will be near PATH stations.

d)Only one-half of the new estimates of 3,000 dwelling units and 3 million sq.ft. of office space between 1991 and 1995 will occur if the real estate market "disappears" for the next 2-3 years.

LETTERS:

1)OUR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS SHOULD LIVE IN THE CITY

To Mayor Gerald McCann:

The residency requirement for both Police Officers and Firefighters is long overdue for Jersey City. It is a very critical step towards correcting some of the problems within our city.

As a resident of Jersey City for more than 25 years, I have seen the quality of life deteriorate. Having the full-time presence of the men and women hired for emergency services can better serve this city, especially as role models for the children. There are other benefits for having our police officers and firefighters live within the city limits. One is an increase in the number of individuals who would be concerned about the city as a whole instead of an individual working a shift and then leaving the city to go to their suburban or shore communities. Chances are police officers and firefighters are already giving individuals and if they live out of town they're probably going to neighborhood meetings, PTA's, Board of Education hearings and even participating with Scouting Troops. I've just named a few of the organizations they are actively involved with. Why couldn't we as a community channel that same energy towards organizations within Jersey City. The benefits for having concerned, responsible and participating individuals within a community can be measured by the quality of life within Jersey City and this, I am sure, is a high priority for many of the residents.

I support your effort to pass the legislation necessary to allow Jersey City to enact ordinances for a residence requirement.

Cosmo Sasso

[This proposed state legislation would allow Jersey City and Newark the ability to enact ordinances requiring newly hired police officers and firefighters to be local residents. Police and firefighters currently employed

would not be affected by theses ordinances, only those hired after the effective date of the ordinances. This legislation is being proposed by State Senator Edward T. O'Connor, Jr. of Jersey City.]

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2)STOP CONDO CONVERSION EVICTIONS

Dear Concerned Resident or Community Group of Hudson County:

We are reaching out to all who have been affected or are concerned about the vast displacements taking place in Hudson County due to Condo conversions. Governor James Florio and the Hudson County State Legislators, have pledged their support for a measure that would ban evictions of tenants in buildings designated for condominium conversions. [On Oct. 23, 1989, in a letter to Mrs. Sarah Klivans, Secretary of the North Bergen Tenants Organizing Committee, James Florio, in a pre-election committment stated that he supported both these non-eviction bills: S2107 and A2653, identical to S905 and A1017 and as Governor, would sign these bills into law] Hudson County Executive Robert Janiszewski who strongly supported the measure was quoted in the Jersey Journal on 12/13/89 that landlords have filed condo conversion papers for nearly 15,000 apartments in Hudson County.

However, on Monday, May 14th, the No-Eviction Bill S905 was not voted out of committee as we were promised, and another hearing date has not been set.

We urge all to write the Governor and demand that he follow thru with his commitment as soon as possible since evictions are taking place everyday.

Please write to :Governor James Florio
125 West State Street
State House
Trenton, N.J., 08625
or, phone the Governor at:
609-292-6000

Remember there is strength in unity. We must stand firm to win this battle!

Marilyn Bach-Nunez
Union City Tenants Organization

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3)RETRACTION

I am in receipt of the May issue of the Riverview Neighborhood Association's news letter and must say that I have always held this publication in high esteem for the benefits it affords the residents of our area. So - it is not easy for me to have to find fault or condemn something published in your much needed form of communication.

I refer to page 6 of the May issue - letter #5 entitled "The Problems with Teen Nation" supposedly written by Herb Huels - President , Pershing Field Neighborhood Assn.

I did not write nor did I authorize anyone else to issue such a letter in my name. The letter definitely does not reflect my views on this matter. I have not done any research on the zoning ordinances pertaining to this particular problem. There are those who are closer to the problem who are capable of interpreting the zoning laws which affect an establishment with activities of this type.

The Pershing Field Neighborhood Assn. is very interested in the activities for the children and youth of our city. We understand the many problems they face in having to play in the streets or in finding a place to enjoy some legitimate activity. This is one of the reasons we started our petition campaign to annex Reservoir 3 to Pershing Field Park. When that property can be used by the public it will definitely fill a void in needed recreation space for our area.

To have my name appear as author of the letter printed in your May newsletter does not help our cause in trying to obtain this property for Recreation - Park - and Open space. Rather than injure our efforts in this regard, we solicit your Neighborhood Association's membership to join in our effort to add this property to Pershing Field through your own activities.

As I said in my opening paragraph I find no pleasure in writing this letter - both for the high esteem I hold for your Neighborhood Association and for your publication - but, I feel a retraction of the May letter be published and the contents of this letter be published in the June edition of your newsletter.

Herbert C Huels, President
Pershing Field N.A.

(This retraction is being printed as requested. By way of explanation, RNA would like to add that the original letter in question was given to us by an officer of the Pershing Field Neighborhood Association who apparently gave us his views and not those of Mr. Huels.)

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hoboken update:

DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS FOR SANE DEVELOPMENT

A) Waterfront Petitioners Win Appeal

On April 23, 1990, the Appellate Division of Superior Court unanimously upheld the right of the public to vote on the City's waterfront deal with the Port Authority. The City of Hoboken had refused to accept the 1691 signatures of residents seeking a public referendum even though the right to subject local ordinances to a referendum vote is provided by New Jersey state statute.

The 3-judge panel stated their opinion as follows: "On it's face, the Ordinance is one which fairly invites involvement of the public at large, for it authorizes a project whose location, size and nature will long and significantly affect the style and quality of life in the community."

On April 30, the City of Hoboken appealed the case to the State Supreme Court. In papers submitted to the Supreme Court, the City revealed a side agreement

not approved by the City Council. This agreement calls for the return of the initial $7 million payment to the Port Authority within 15 days if the referendum vote invalidates the agreement. Council members, including allies of the Mayor, expressed shock upon learning of this side agreement.

The City of Hoboken has already spent the $7 million for last year's operating expenses. The City's Business administrator now asserts that should the referendum vote invalidate the agreement, substantial tax increases will ensue.

B) Observer Highway Project

The DRSD is still waiting for a decision from the Appellate Division of Superior Court concerning their litigation opposing the City of Hoboken's Observer Highway Redevelopment Plan. Despite the appeal, the developer, Joseph Barry of Applied Housing, Inc., is currently constructing a massive 115-unit structure ("Observer Park") located on Observer Highway between Bloomfield and Garden Streets. The risk of building this $13 million project while litigation continues has been undertaken largely at the public's expense. Government subsidies for Observer Park include a $3 million federal HUD grant, $600,000 from the State Department of Community Affair's Balanced Housing funds, a no-interest $350,000 loan from Hoboken's Comunity Development Agency, a $6.5 million construction period financing through a federal Community Development Block Grant anf a $8.5 million mortgage from the Hudson County Improvement Authority.

The State Department of Enviromental Protection has placed a ban on sewer hookups in Hoboken for any new construction due to Hoboken's failure to meet sewerage treatment requirements. Applied Housing, Inc., the developer of Observer Park, has sought an exemption to this ban. After a number of months, a bill in the state legislature to provide this exemption has failed.

GRAFFITI IS A CRIME!

THE MAYOR'S ANTI-GRAFFITI TASKFORCE WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT GRAFFITI IS A CRIME!

If you are a juvenile (under 18): your parents are subject to fines up to $1,000.00 for each offense. You can be sentenced up to 60 hours of community service. Your parents can be sued for the cost of the damage.

If you are 18 or older, you are : subject to fines up to $1,000.00 for each offense, subject to imprisonment (jail) for 90 days for each offense, you can be sentenced up to 60 hours of community service, subject to a civil law suit for the cost of the damages, and subject to a $125.00 removal cost.

If any citizen has information about a graffiti problem in their neighborhood, please call the GRAFFITI HOTLINE: 547-4403 (9 am to 5 pm). Your identity and all information will be kept strictly confidential.

WHAT IS RECYCLABLE IN JERSEY CITY?

OFFICIAL LIST OF RECYCLABLES

1) PAPER:
- newspapers
- magazines
- cardboard
- gift boxes
- junk mail
- school paper
- computer paper
- telephone books

2) PLASTICS:
- soda bottles
- milk containers
- water containers
- food bottles

3) GLASS:
- soda bottles
- beer bottles
- food jars
- (NO PLASTIC AND/OR GLASS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL OR DETERGENT CONTAINERS)

4) CANS:
- aluminum
- tin
- steel
- (NO CHEMICAL OR PAINT CANS)

5) LEAVES (From October to December):
Special leaf pick up days are provided during this period and are advertised for your information. Place leaves in separate receptacles and we will empty it or JCIA will provide FREE biodegradable brown bags for your convenience.
ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, NO PLASTIC BAGS may be used for leaves.

6) MOTOR OIL:
May be brought to our facility at 501 route 440 Monday thru Friday 89 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact:
THE JERSEY CITY INCINERATOR AUTHORITY
501 ROUTE 440
JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07305
201-432-4645

THINK ABOUT YOUR KIDS

Imagine your child has to go for a standard pre-college physical exam because they will be starting a new school. You feel they are healthy but the diagnosis from the exam is drug addiction and the prescription: a rehabilitation clinic. Sound far-fetched? Not really.

When was the last time you spoke to your children about drugs? And more importantly, when did you listen? Remember, time spent together with your children and open lines of communication are essential. When they start talking about "this friend" on drugs, you really need to be tuned in -- they might be trying to tell you something about themselves.

Another important thing to remember: peer

pressure is very strong. Their choice of friends could make a difference in the way they grow up. It's important that you set a good example for them and that you help them to deal with this peer pressure. If you help them build a strong self-image, they will be able to say no.

To help our children stay away from drugs, parents need to stay informed. The National PTA recommends that you contact your school's PTA chapter in your area. Both The National PTA, (312)787-0977, and the American Council for Drug Education, (301) 294-0600, have pamphlets available to parents, and many community colleges offer classes and seminars on drug prevention.

For further resources, contact the National Drug Information Center of Families in Action, (404) 934-6364, which coordinates parent groups and refers callers to local services.

SEEING THE LITE

Do you feel reassured when buying foods that say "Light" or "Lite" on the label? You probably shouldn't. The label's claim may simply mean that the food is lighter in color, texture, or flavor and have nothing to do with fat, cholesterol or calories.

Federal agencies have no consistent policy on the use of the words "light" or "lite" on food labels. According to Department of Agriculture guidelines, meat or poultry labeled "light" must contain at least 25% less of something - fat, sodium, calories, breading--than a comparable product on the market.

The Food and Drug Administration requires that food labels explain just what the food is "light" in. If lighter in sodium or cholesterol, the food must have at least 25% less than a comparable product has; a food "light" in calories must have one third fewer than a comparable product has.

But there are still foods on the shelves of your grocery store whose "light" labels have little meaning. It's best to check labels carefully to see what you're really getting.

Break with Tradition

The traditional location of many of our medications may be one of the worst places in the house for drug storage. Many medications are sensitive to heat and humidity, and can actually have a shorter shelf life when stored in the bathroom medicine cabinet. Better bets: Out- of- reach kitchen cabinets or a high shelf in the hallway linen closet.

HELP SUPPORT RNA

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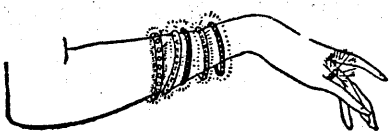

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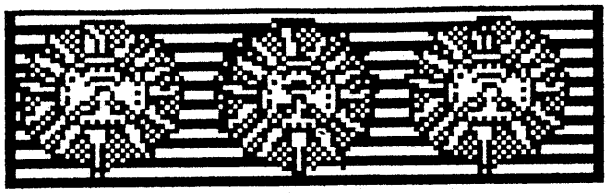

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